

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY TREATMENT AND PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES

(Pursuant to Title 23, Chapter 65 of the RIGLs)

MINUTES JUNE 19, 2009

In Attendance:

Board Members: Present

Patrick Hughes Mike Covellone
Bob Bozikowski June Swallow
Susan Licardi Don Ianazzi
Mario Carlino

Absent:

None

Others: Steven Boudreau, Charles Peckham, Gregory Madoian, Thomas Howard

Meeting was called to order by Mike Covellone, Chairperson at 10:10 AM.

1. The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of March 13, 2009.

Motion by June Swallow. Second by Susan Licardi.

All in favor – none opposed - motion carried.

2. The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of April 16, 2009 special meeting.

Motion by June Swallow. Second by Patrick Hughes.

All in favor - none opposed - motion carried.

3. The Board reviewed and approved the consent agenda.

Motion by Don Iannazzi. Second by Patrick Hughes.

All in favor – none opposed - motion carried.

The following items were on the consent agenda:

The Board approved the requests for full certification by the following individuals as all have met mandatory experience requirements:

1. Shane Burt, Grade 2 Distribution, Pawtucket
2. William Descouteaux, Grade 3 Distribution, Woonsocket

4. The Board reviewed and approved the July 2009 treatment and distribution exam applications.

Don Iannazzi opened discussion in support of the program regulations and the exam process, but has concerns about the relevancy of the test questions. June Swallow reviewed the exam process, including the specifics of the prescriptive and standardized ABC exams. Bob Bozikowski discussed the past review process used by the board and recalled that all questions under review were relevant to operator licensing in Rhode Island.

- 5 **Don Iannazzi moved to revert back to Item 3 on the agenda** second by Mario Carlino.
All in favor- none opposed - motion carried.
- 6 **June Swallow moved to go to executive session pursuant to 42-46-4, 42-46-5, and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws for a requested pre-hearing meeting.** Don Iannazzi Second.
All in favor - none opposed - motion carried. Roll call was taken all members present.

Executive Session ended at 11:10 am

June Swallow moved to seal the minutes of the executive session. Second by Don Iannazzi.
All in favor - none opposed - motion carried.

- 7 **Discussion continued regarding historical pass/fail exam rates.** Charles Peckham, Newport Water was introduced. Mr. Peckham noted that exam applicants were not notified of what they should study for with regard to the standardized exam. Don Iannazzi motioned that the board schedule an August meeting and invite ABC Representatives to attend. Mario Carlino second.
All in favor - none opposed - motion carried.
- 8 **The Board reviewed request for reciprocity by Gerald Ouillette.**
June Swallow moved to grant T4 Full Certification. Mario Carlin second.
All in favor – none opposed - motion carried.
- 9 **The Board reviewed application to take D4 Full Certification Exam by Michael Proulx.**
Mario Carlino Motioned to grant approval. Don Iannazzi Second.
All in favor - none opposed - motion carried.
- 10 **The board reviewed the following requests for course/TCH approval.**
National Groundwater Association – Pump and Yield Testing Design and transducer Data
the board requires more information to make a determination.

CCRI Introduction to Biology: Organismal and Chemistry of our Environment submitted by R. Deconto. June Swallow moved to grant TCH approval as submitted. Don Iannazzi second.

All in favor - none opposed - motion carried.

Spectrum Code Seminars. Bob Bozikowski moved to deny approval. Patrick Hughes second.

All in favor - none opposed - motion carried.

360water.com June Swallow motioned that approval of 24 courses be tabled to give the Board time to review the material. Patrick Hughes second.
All in favor – none opposed - motion carried.

Other Business:

Bob Bozikowski continued discussion regarding the operating of small systems by part time operators. Steven Boudreau will poll other states and ABC to as to their definition of “full-time”, particularly T1 & D1 operators. Discussion was tabled until the August meeting to try to define standards for moving from operator-in-training status to full certification when working for systems whose requirement for full time operators differ from those of larger systems.

Patrick Hughes motioned that the Board nominate Brent Herring to the ABC Board of Directors. Mike Covellone Second.

All in favor - none opposed - motion carried.

June Swallow motioned to approve provisional certification VSS OIT certification to Beth Cabral and John Donlon Jr. for Kenyon Industries pursuant to successful completion of exams in November. Patrick Hughes second. All in favor - none opposed - motion carried.

Motion by Mike Covellone to adjourn. Second by Patrick Hughes. Motion carried.

This Meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm.



June Swallow, P.E. Secretary